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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CEQ MEMBER JOHN BUSTERUD

REF: (A) EDINBURGH 131, (B) STATE 213960

1. EMBASSY HAS SCHEDULED MEETING AT 1545 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 FOR MR. BUSTERUD WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF UK DEPARTMENTS OF ENERGY (PRODUCTION PROGRAMS), ENVIRONMENT (CENTRAL UNIT ON POLLUTION) AND TRADE (MARINE POLLUTION DIVISION). ENERGY ATTACHE ROBERT E. KAUFMAN WILL MEET BE 577 FROM GENEVA AND ACCOMPANY DIRECTLY TO OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY J.A. MOLYNEUX, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, THAMES HOUSE SOUTH, MILLBANK, LONDON, S.W.1.

2. FOR SCOTTISH PORTION OF TRIP, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS, IN ADDITION TO ITINERARY OUTLINED REFTTEL (A) THAT MR. BUSTERUD MEET IN EDINBURGH WITH SCOTTISH OFFICE UNDER SEC. J.B. FLEMING WHO HAS OVERALL PLANNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONSHORE ASPECTS OF NORTH SEA OIL DEVELOPMENTS. CON GEN FUNKHOUSER WOULD BE PLEASED TO INVITE FLEMING FOR DRINKS EARLY EVENING OF OCTOBER 10 (THERE IS NO EARLY UNCLASSIFIED

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AFTERNOON FLIGHT FROM ABERDEEN ARRIVING PRIOR TO 1805).

ALTERNATIVELY, MR. BUSTERUD COULD MEET WITH FLEMING THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 11. THIS WOULD REQUIRE DELAYING DEPARTURE FROM EDINBURGH UNTIL 1150 ON BE 5683 OR 1420 ON BE 5693 IN ORDER TO MAKE CONNECTING FLIGHT FOR NEW YORK AT 1420 ON TWA 701 OR 1800 ON PAA 1.

3. EMBASSY ADVISES AGAINST ATTEMPTING OVERFLIGHT OF OFFSHORE DEVELOPMENT AREAS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR FOR REASONS OUTLINED IN REFTEL A. DEPARTURE FROM INVERNESS 0925 ON OCTOBER 9 SHOULD ALLOW VISIT TO NIGG BAY TO BE MADE BY CAR RATHER THAN HELICOPTER. UNLESS MR. BUSTERUD HAS A SPECIAL CONCERN WITH LANDFALL OF AN OIL PIPELINE, VISIT TO CRUDEN BAY DOES NOT DESERVE HIGH PRIORITY. SIMILARLY, SHORT TOUR OF ABERDEEN PORT FACILITIES CONDUCTED BY HARBOUR BOARD OR NESDA MIGHT BE MORE WORTHWHILE THAN VISIT TO PETERHEAD.

4. MR. BUSTERUD SHOULD PURCHASE ALL PLANE TICKETS PRIOR TO DEPARTING WASHINGTON WITH SPECIFIC FLIGHTS LEFT OPEN AS NECESSARY. EMBASSY TRANSPORTATION UNIT OR CON GEN EDINBURGH WILL ASSIST WITH FLIGHT CONFIRMATION.

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